



## **MBA Membership Meeting Minutes, August 8, 2013**

**Welcome:** President Jen Dillman brought the meeting to order.

**Secretary's Report:** June minutes were approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** New Treasurer, Daniel Shelton, was introduced. Current balance as of July 31<sup>st</sup> is \$22,657.00

**Guest Speaker:** Jerry Hines, HyVee Construction Project Superintendent..

- Former KMART building is in worse condition than previously thought: 27,000 feet of rusted roof decking had to be removed; current cinder block walls had to be demolished and 10,000 square feet of concrete flooring could not be salvaged.
- Thus far, the Project does remain on schedule for the May 2014 Opening.
- HyVee is using local subcontractors for nearly all the work.
- Safety is #1 consideration for construction.

### **Government Update:**

Alderman Ward 7: Joe McMenamin:

- MacArthur Park Apartments: down to 11 Section 8 Apartments.
- Bike & Hike Day in Washington Park: Springfield Park District Board member, Grant Hammer, submitted a request to reduce traffic hours in Washington Park during the peak summer months.
- Alley Clean Up: Public Works will be citing City resident owners for garbage, trash and debris build up in City Alley Ways. 100 tickets for code violations were issued within one week.

Alderman Ward 6: Cory Jobe:

- Gateway to Springfield, located on South Sixth Street's Historic Route 66, will be dedicated mid September. Project has taken 2 years from start to finish. Cory thanked the many donors for their support.
- Empty Lots: Jackson & Capitol and YWCA property: goal is to get both properties purchased by City which will then market and develop said lots.

### **Announcements:**

- Anna Margaret Barris welcomed new MBA members: Maximum Security, District 23 and Super Pantry.
- District 23 will host the Fall Mixer. The date to be announced.
- Book Drive: A drive for new or "gently used" children's books is being sponsored by MBA. The books will be donated to MacArthur Park Apartments library. Approximately 30 plus

children are in residence there at this time. Book drop off sites: Ross Isaac; Paper Boutique and local American Red Cross office.

- South Side Christian Church's Annual Neighborhood Bash is scheduled on Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>. This will be the kick off for its' Week of Community Service. MBA will be a sponsor.
- MBA Business member, Sean Keeley, announced new website: Ross Isaac.net. Said site will list August Monday-Thursday specials. \$2.00 from purchase of each special will be donated to the local American Red Cross.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Dirksen, Secretary